Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program and Contest

Connecting Youth with Nature through Science and Art!









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Explore Wildlife and Habitat

K-12th grade students learn about habitat conservation through science, math, technology, and the arts. By creating an original drawing or painting of waterfowl as their "visual term paper," students express their ideas and creatively share what they have learned about wetlands and waterfowl conservation.

New Junior Duck Stamp Curriculum

We recently celebrated our 20th anniversary with release of a new curriculum that helps students explore wildlife and conservation in many different settings, including classrooms, home schools and nonformal education sites such as nature centers. Download the curriculum for free at www.fws.gov/juniorduck/curriculum or contact your state coordinator for a copy.

Encourage Student Conservation Education in Your Community

Share the Junior Duck Stamp Program in your schools and community! If you are an educator or youth group leader, use the curriculum to teach wildlife biology and habitat conservation in the classroom, home school or with an after school group. Consider volunteering to share your biology and art skills in your community. Check with your state Junior Duck Stamp coordinator for other ways you can help.

Enter the Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest!

States hold annual contests to select first, second, and third place winners in each of four age groups. "Best of Show" state winners compete in a national competition, and the national winning artwork is made into the Junior Duck Stamp. Check www.fws.gov/juniorduck for your state's receiving site, rules, reference forms and entry deadline (mid-March in most states).

Student Recognition and Awards

Recognition and prizes vary from state to state; however, all entrants receive certificates of participation, and top winners receive special prizes. National Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest top winners and the winning Conservation Message are awarded scholarships.

Invest in Junior Duck Stamps

Stamps are sold online by the U.S. Postal Service and Amplex Corporation, and at some National Wildlife Refuges around the country. This collectible stamp sells for \$5 and proceeds support this conservation education program and our state coordinators. See www.fws.gov/juniorduck/BuyStamps for more information on how to buy stamps.

Local Coordinator Information